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Lesser known Places of Historical Significance
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any measures are being taken to highlight places of historical significance that are less-known and convert them into tourist spots; and

(b) if so, the places identified so far; and

(c) the details of work done in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c) There is no such scheme with the Archaeological Survey of India(ASI) to convert protected monuments of National importance into the tourist spots. However, the conservation work of protected monuments under ASI is attended regularly as per the availability of resources and requirement of the different sites and they are in a fairly good state of preservation. Further, amenities like drinking water, toilets are provided at all ticketed and World Heritage Monuments. In addition facilities like cafeteria, wi-fi, pathways, signages, etc. have been provided at a few selected monuments. Further, facility of online tickets have been provided for tourist/visitor and facility of online payment and payment through POS machine have been provided on major monuments. Providing such facilities and upgrading is a regular phenomenon.